Offg. Second Member of Council.—A proposal to grant travelling allowance to witnesses in all Police cases is under the consideration of Government and it is held in abeyance for want of funds. The present suggestion will also be considered in that connection.

Mr. Hutchu Veere Gowda.—All Police officers and even peons get travelling allowance. The same concession may also be shown to Patels.

Dewan.—The matter will be considered.

REVENUE.

LAND REVENUE.

(*Nos. 4 to 13.*)

SUBJECT NO. 4.

Increase of *potgi* to Patels.

Messrs. (1) Hutchuveere Gowda, Gubbi Taluk; (2) C. Guruva Reddy, Bangalore Taluk, and Veere Gowda, Dodballapur Taluk.

(1) *Mr. Hutchu Veere Gowda.*—The duties that the Patels have to do are manifold and too numerous to mention. They are to give effect to the orders of Government in all its branches and the brunt of the work falls upon them. It is therefore prayed that the *potgi* of Patels may be raised suitably, as was done in the case of Shanbhogs.

(2) The stationery allowance of Patels may also be increased.

Dewan.—Government want to do something in this direction, but it has not been possible to do so for want of funds. The *potgi* of Shanbhogs has not been increased. It is paid villagewar instead of firkawar.

SUBJECT NO. 5.

Cancellation of *Mohatarfa* tax, etc.

Mr. G. Gopalaiya, Holalkere Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—Generally it will take 4 or 5 years before houses destroyed by accidental fires are rebuilt. Vacant house tax as per *mohatarfa* rules is to be paid all the same. As this is an additional hardship, it is requested that the tax in such cases should not be levied for one year at least.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT NO. 6.

Revenue sales not to be set aside before the money due to the purchaser is deposited.

Messrs. V. Shama Iyengar, N. Puttanna, T.-Narsipur Taluk; H. Varadaiya, T.-Narsipur Municipality, and Lakshminaranappa, Mugur Municipality.

Mr. S. V. Shama Iyengar.—I understand that the matter is under the consideration of Government; therefore I beg to withdraw the proposition.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—This subject is being brought up for consideration for the past 4 or 5 years. Some action is necessary.

Revenue Commissioner.—Your suggestion will not solve the difficulty. The matter is receiving attention.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—There is considerable delay in obtaining refunds. The power may be delegated to Deputy Commissioners.

Revenue Commissioner.—Deputy Commissioners are given the power to some extent.